

Introduced by: Councilmember Honzak

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2023-17**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION  
REQUESTS TO THE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE FOR CONSIDERATION**

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council is charged with setting policy and pursuing legislative changes in the best interests of the Takoma Park community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park is an active member of the Maryland Municipal League (MML); and

WHEREAS, MML pursues legislative changes to benefit Maryland municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has identified requests to forward to MML for its consideration as legislative priorities for the League.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park authorizes the City Manager to transmit to the MML the following Legislative Action Requests:

1. The Council urges MML to initiate or support legislation to increase authority for municipalities to collect revenue. Options might include the authority to collect a sales tax or receive a percentage of sales tax collected in the jurisdiction or receive a portion of revenue generated by alcohol and tobacco sales.
2. The Council urges MML to initiate or support legislation that assists municipalities with housing and community development issues such as:
  - Promoting legislation or sources of funding to expedite affordable housing creation in areas with rising property values and rents including creating workforce homeownership opportunities.
  - Giving authority for municipal or county governments to enact “just cause” eviction legislation if they desire.
  - Creating an infrastructure repair and rehabilitation fund for multifamily buildings such as condominiums to support building improvements including energy efficiency upgrades.
  - Examining income eligibility criteria for state property tax credit programs for low-income homeowners to ensure that the criteria accounts for the rising cost of living in the area.

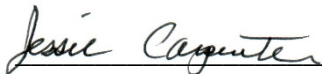
3. The Council urges MML to prioritize or support legislation that will advance Vision Zero goals such as:

- Providing more local funding for transportation and pedestrian improvements along or near state roads.
- Implementing safety standards for more safe and walkable communities including expanding automatic enforcement tools (i.e., stop sign cameras).
- Ensuring that the State Highway Administration (SHA) works collaboratively with local jurisdictions to improve state road maintenance and pedestrian safety.

Adopted this 21st day of June, 2023.

AYES:           Searcy, Fulcher, Dyballa, Gibson, Seamens, Honzak  
NAYS:           None  
ABSTAIN:       None  
ABSENT:       Small

Attest:

  
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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk